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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE  
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
ENCODING THE SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 13, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20050104), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.